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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: S. HONMA et al  
Serial No. 09/606,050  
Filed: June 29, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2153  
Examiner: M. Winters  
For: COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A STORAGE AREA  
NETWORK AND METHOD OF HANDLING DATA  
IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

MS: Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 16, 2003

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR \$1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/606,050, filed on June 29, 2000, entitled COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A STORAGE AREA NETWORK AND METHOD OF HANDLING DATA IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee							\$ 750.00
Total Claims	41	-	20	=	21	x	18 = 378.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	84 = 0.00
Total Filing Fee							\$1128.00

3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$1128.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, twenty-one (21) sheets, Figs. 1-21.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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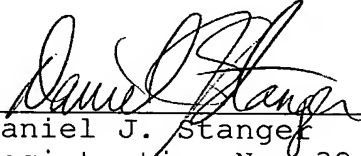
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7. The prior application is assigned to HITACHI, LTD.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/606,050 as originally filed on June 29, 2000.

  
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